

FIREMEN HURT BY EXPLODING GAS.

Patrick Clark So Badly Injured
There Is Little Hope of
His Recovery.

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ing Are Also Badly Burned
and Bruised.

WORKING IN A WRECKED STORE.

While Searching the Cellar for the Cause
of Fire, Escaping Gas Is Ignited
and Hurls Them Across
the Room.

There was an explosion of gas in the cellar of the drug store at No. 149 West Sixty-seventh street yesterday afternoon, which will probably result fatally to Patrick Clark, one of the firemen of Engine Company No. 40. Captain James Cosgrove and Joseph Wheeling, of the same company, were also burned about the head and hands, and Roundman John P. Lake, of the West Sixty-eighth Street Police Station, lost his mustache and some of his hair.

Fire was discovered in the basement of the building yesterday afternoon about 3



JOSEPH WHEELING



FIREMEN BURNED BY EXPLODING GAS.

While searching through the cellar of a drug store for the cause of a fire to which they had been summoned escaping gas exploded. Fireman James Clark was blown fifteen feet and so severely injured that he will probably die. Captain Cosgrove and Joseph Wheeling were burned and Policeman John Lake was slightly hurt.

O'clock. Engine Company No. 40 responded, and the fire was put out with a loss of about \$200. In their work, however, the firemen were compelled to use their axes, and it is supposed that one of the gas pipes was broken in that way.

When the fire apparatus went away, Clark was left in the building to find the origin of the blaze. He found there were still some embers in the airshaft, and sent around to the engine house for aid to extinguish them. Captain Cosgrove and Wheeling responded.

The three men, who had been joined by Roundman Lake, went down into the basement together. Just as they passed into the room where the gas meter was the explosion took place. It was so violent that the building shook and the noise was heard for blocks.

Clark was upon a ladder looking at the meter. He was thrown eighteen feet across the room, and struck the wall on the opposite side with such force that he fell to the floor unconscious. Captain Cosgrove and Wheeling were also thrown heavily against the wall, and were considerably bruised, both losing almost all their hair and eyebrows. The policeman was not badly burned, but is suffering from many bruises.

All the men except Clark, who struggled to their feet and dragged Clark, who was unconscious, into the street. An ambulance was summoned from the Roosevelt Hospital. There it was found that Clark was not only fearfully burned about the head and body, but that he had inhaled the flames and received internal injuries which will probably prove fatal. The injuries of the other men were dressed, and the two firemen, with their heads swathed in bandages, went to their homes. Policeman Lake remained on duty.

Clark is about thirty-two years old, and has been in the Fire Department for six years. His record during that time has been excellent. He is unmarried.

IMPRISONED BOARDERS.

Mad Dog Held the Yard and Only One Got
Out Before a Policeman Killed
the Brute.

A mad St. Bernard dog owned by Harry A. McGuire, of Villa Park, prevented fourteen boarders leaving Mrs. Lawlor's house, on Fifth avenue, Mount Vernon, yesterday morning. He was driven away by water from a hose, but returned in a few minutes, drove his antagonists in doors and held possession of the yard for nearly two hours. One man ventured out when the dog's attention was attracted in another direction and got over the fence into the street with his trousers. At 8 a. m. a policeman Gilroy reached the house. He sheltered himself, and after shooting four times at the dog, killed him.

Then the boarders went to work.

TESTING NEW GUNS FOR THE MILITIA.

Experts Make Formal Trial of
Rifles Adapted for Smoke-
less Powder.

Four Recent Inventions Are Suc-
cessfully Fired at the Creed-
more Range.

ARE BETTER THAN THE PRESENT ARM.

All the Weapons Meet the Legal Re-
quirements, as Is Shown by Their
Records at Various
Ranges.

The New York State Board of Examiners appointed by Governor Morton, to select improved arms for the National Guard, left this city yesterday morning for Creedmore, where the first tests of several new rifles were made. The committee consisted of Colonel Albert D. Shaw, of Watertown, chairman; Professor R. H. Thurston, of Sibley College, and E. W. Bliss, of Brooklyn, with H. E. Abell, of Brooklyn, as secretary.

The object of these tests is to find a gun that will withstand the pressure of smokeless powder, which the guns now in use by the militia do not. The rifle which will be adopted for the State service must be constructed to stand a chamber pressure of 60,000 pounds to the square inch. The maximum limit weight of each gun must be ten pounds, and the minimum limit eight and one-half pounds.

Only four rifles entered in the competition at Creedmore yesterday. They were the Winchester, invented by John Browning, of Utah, and made by the Winchester Repeating Arms Company; the Burton—a bolt action gun—invented and made by Bethel Burton, of the Savage, invented by A. W. Savage, and made by the Savage Repeating Arms Company, and the Briggs-Kneeland, made in Washington from suggestions of Stillman F. Kneeland, whose ideas were elaborated and carried out by J. H. Brown, the inventor of the wire-bound cannon.

The range yesterday was at 100, 200 and 300 yards, and was to test the accuracy of each piece. Each rifle was allowed five shots. Expert W. T. Crane, of the Thirtieth Regiment, Brooklyn, fired the Winchester; while P. V. Vandyske, the crack pigeon shot, pulled the trigger of the Winchester rifle; George Bryant, of the Twenty-third Regiment, fired the Burton rifle; A. W. Savage, shot his own gun, and Sergeant Dolan, of the Twelfth Regiment, fired the Briggs-Kneeland rifle. A rifle invented by J. Henry Blake, of No. 133 Liberty street, New York, was on the ground, but was not ready to contest.

At 1 o'clock the shooting began. The score is as follows:

At 100-yard range, possible score 25—

Savage, 21; Crane, 25; Briggs-Kneeland, 23; Crane, 22; Winchester, 24; Crane, 21; Burton, 24; Crane, 10.

At 200 yards range—Savage, 20; Crane, 19; Briggs-Kneeland, 22; Crane, 20; Winchester, 18; Crane, 20; Burton, 21; and Crane, 18.

At 300 yards range—Savage, 14; Crane, 18; Briggs-Kneeland, 22; Crane, 20; Winchester, 22; Crane, 21; Burton, 24 and Crane, 19.

Crane had not handled any of the rifles until yesterday, while the other marksmen had handled their guns before. The Burton gun came into the contest new, owing to an accident to the chamber of the one which expended at a test in Brooklyn two weeks ago, when each rifle was required to be fired fifty consecutive times.

Mr. Crane was asked for his opinion of the rifles, but was non-committal. It was evident from the trend of his remarks, however, that his preference was for the Savage. He said at the 100-yard range the Savage gun had no wind gauge, while all of the other rifles were gauged from a point to a point and a half, which is not necessary.

Colonel Shaw said these guns were superior in every way to any now in the service, and he considered the Savage an admirable rifle. He tried the Savage rifle at 200 yards range, standing. His first shot scored three and the second scored four.

The shooting was adjourned until 10 o'clock to-day, when the guns will be put under rapid firing. They will also be shot at a range of 1,000 yards. It is likely this contest will not end before Saturday.

The Third Avenue Cable Railroad Company purposes to test the Hardie compressed air motor on the One Hundred and Tenth street cross-town line.

The last test of this motor was made on a coal trestle with a seven per cent grade. The car was drawn up and down the trestle and stopped at any point, going either way. A load of five tons was hitched on and hauled back and forth and stopped. The motor worked perfectly in all respects.

One great obstacle in the way of giving this power a thorough test on lines of street railways in this city is that the Hardie motor requires a car especially built for its use. The company manufacturing the motor, at Rome, N. Y., is building cars for the purpose. Mr. Hardie, the inventor, says that his motor will not be tried on the elevated road at present.

The Third Avenue company will probably begin operating cars next Monday on its extension from One Hundred and Eighty-sixth to One Hundred and Ninety-sixth streets by the Love underground electric system.

FILIBUSTERERS OFF FOR CUBA?

It Was Reported Last Night
That a Party of Fifty
Had Left Newark.

On Their Way to Perth Amboy,
Where They Were to Secretly
Embark on a Steamer.

NOT KNOWN WHETHER THEY SAILED.

Such a Scheme Has Been on Foot in That
City for Some Weeks, and
Should Be Ripe at
This Time.

It was stated in Newark, N. J., last evening that about fifty men had left the city late in the afternoon for Perth Amboy, where they were to take a steamer ostensibly bound for a West Indian port, but that in reality Cuba is the destination of the party. One of the party was said to be Captain John Davis, a man well posted in military matters.

General Garcia's son boarded in a house on Orange street for some time, and it is known that enlistment for Cuban service has been going on in Newark for several weeks.

Agents of the Cuban Junta, it is said, have been in Newark recruiting, and several members of the National Guard of New Jersey are reported to have enlisted as sharpshooters under Captain Davis, whose address and whereabouts are all unknown. A high military official, said to be close to General Macco, is reported to be at the head of the movement.

At the Newark City Armory it was said last night that ten men had left for the headquarters of the Junta in this city. It is believed that the expedition, if one has been organized, will leave Perth Amboy on a tug and reach a steamer outside of Sandy Hook.

There is little doubt but that such a party has been in the process of formation in Newark for some time, and there is no doubt that it is now ready to start. It is believed that the party is made up of many from outside, a few from New York City and others from all parts of the State, but all are military men who have seen service either real or theatrical.

The steamer which is to convey the party southward is said to be in readiness and to have a stock of arms and ammunition stored in her hold. County Auditor Edward E. Conklin, who is a leading member of Lincoln Post, G. A. R., is credited with having been active in organizing the company. He was seen at his home last evening, but refused to say anything further than to admit that the facts as stated were, in the main, true. It is known that some weeks ago Colonel Garcia, of the Cuban Army, a son of General Garcia, had a long consultation with Mr. Conklin, and the movement is said to have started immediately afterward.

Rumor said that the steamer was one that had recently been refitted at the Ramsey yards at Perth Amboy. Those who are interested would not admit this. They in-

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limited, however, that the ship would sail without interference and that they could not be held.

The citizens of Perth Amboy were watching sharply for the filibustering expedition which was expected to leave that place for Cuba early this morning. The party failed to appear. No body of men entered the Perth Amboy from Newark, where the party was supposed to start from.

AMMONIATANK EXPLODES.

Iron Head Blows Off in a Bakery, and
One Woman Is Painfully Injured
by a Flying Missile.

Bloomfield, N. J., May 5.—The business centre was startled shortly before noon to-day by a terrific explosion which occurred in the rear of Day's bakery, on Bloomfield avenue. Bricks and mortar were thrown in all directions, and many windows broken. Mrs. Mary Wallace, a widow, who lives in a flat over Schaefer's grocery store, was struck by a brick which crashed through her window, and was painfully injured. The explosion was caused by the head of an ammonia machine blowing off, causing the ammonia to escape with great force. The iron top of the machine was hurled against the rear door of the bakery, crushing it in. Day had a narrow escape from suffocation.

Two barrels of ammonia were also exploded alongside the building where the original explosion occurred.

The ammonia fumes were very strong, and two horses in a barn close by were only saved by promptly running them to a safe distance. The loss is estimated at about \$500.

PISTOL ROAD TO RICHES.

A Witness Testifies That Hildreth Showed
Three Revolvers for Use at
the Train Wreck.

Rome, N. Y., May 5.—The trial of young Hildreth, the accused train wrecker, was continued this morning. Joseph Wilkes testified that he got acquainted with Hildreth at the Central Depot on November 7, being introduced to him by Plato. In company with Plato and Harry Hibbard he went over to Hildreth's rooms and played cards. On the 8th Plato, Hildreth, Hibbard and Wilkes went to Utica together on a freight train. They came back to Rome in a cattle car the same day. Wilkes sat in a corner of the car, and the others stood quite a way away from him. Hildreth called him over and asked him if he wanted to make some money. He said he did not mind. Hildreth then told him that he would give him three revolvers for use at the next night at Green's Corners. He drew a revolver and said: "That is what we are going to do it with." He said the passengers would all be killed, and they would get the money. "Perhaps we'll get \$100,000," he said. "Are you with us?" Hildreth asked him. He replied: "All right."

Witness then told Hildreth he would not have anything to do with it. That afternoon he was up in Hildreth's room again. Hildreth pulled open a drawer and showed

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him three revolvers, and said: "These are what we are going to do it with." Lawyer Sayles put Wilkes through a severe cross-examination, but failed to shake his story.

District Attorney Klock expects to finish putting in testimony to-day.

Special Notices.

Children Cry for
Pitcher's Castoria.
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Deaths.

BROWNE.—On Tuesday, May 5, at her residence, 214 East 15th st., Mary J. Browne, wife of Martin J. Browne.

DOUGLASS.—On Monday, May 4, Mary, beloved wife of John Douglass, a native of Clonmel, Co. Cork, County Waterford, Ireland.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, 722 Tenth avenue, in Wednesday, May 6, at 9 a. m., from the Church of the Sacred Heart, West Fifty-first street, where a mass of requiem will be offered for her soul. Interment in Calvary Cemetery. Clonmel papers please copy.

STETSON.—On Monday, May 4, 1896, Catherine S. Stetson, wife of the late John Stetson, the well-known theatrical manager, of Boston, Mass., in the thirty-fourth year of her age. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services, at the Church of the Transfiguration, which will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. Houghton, at 4:30, Wednesday afternoon. Interment private.

Business Notices.

Mrs. Winslow's Sooling Syrup for children soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, 25c.

Personal.

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BIG DRIVE SALE.—2,000 trunks, bags, cases, half price. Doyles', Vessel, Astor House, 178, and 40 Broadway.

HEARTY baby gets for adoption; 8 months old; full surrender. Weiss, 1281 3d ave. 2d fl. CAN you meet me Friday, 10, Christopher?

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